

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/525,808
Reply to Office Action of August 13, 2007

REMARKS

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated August 13, 2007 and the referenced cited therein. Claims 1, 10 and 11 have now been amended. Claims 3-4, 12, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 5-11 and 13 are currently pending. Reconsideration or reexamination are hereby requested.

In the Action, claims 1-3, 5-9, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kohlmann et al. in view of Miller. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 4, which was objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants therefore assert that claim 1 is patentable for at least the reasons indicated in the Office Action. Moreover, Applicants assert that the other claims all depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable for at least the same reasons. Applicants assert that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been overcome and requests the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 10 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of claims 1, 3 and 4. Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form and include the limitations of the form of base claim 1. Applicants assert that the claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

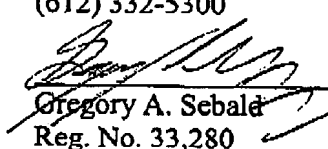
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A speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited.
If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact
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Respectfully submitted,

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